

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

March 1 - 4, 1995

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a Special Called Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, in order to facilitate the air travel of the prospects being interviewed for Commissioner of Higher Education, beginning at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, 1995, and continuing through Saturday, March 4, 1995. This Special Called meeting was called pursuant to notice in writing mailed to each and every member of said Board. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Miller.

The Board met to interview applicants for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education and to receive an update on the Ayers case.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in Open Session at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, 1995, at the Best Western Airport Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted to go into Executive Session to:

Interview applicants for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

Discuss Ayers case.

In Executive Session, the Board **took no action** which was later reported by the President in Open Session.

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to return to Open Session and recessed to Oxford, Mississippi to receive information on the Chancellor's search.

The Board convened from recessment in Open Session at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 3, 1995, at the University of Mississippi in Oxford for the purpose of conducting business of the University of Mississippi Chancellor's Search Committee. An update on the search for the Chancellor was given by Mr. William Funk, Managing Director, Education Practice, North America, Korn/Ferry International.

The Board received information on the Chancellor's search from academic deans, faculty and staff, Associated Student Body, Alumni Association, Barnard Distinguished Professors, and UM Foundation.

On a motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to recess to return to Memphis to continue interviewing applicants for Commissioner of Higher Education.

The Board convened from recessment in Open Session at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 1995, at the Best Western Airport Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reasons later reported by

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On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Ms. Baker, Board members present voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

After return to Open Session, there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Rushing, Board members present voted unanimously to adjourn.

Persons Attending the Meeting on March 1 and 2, 1995:

Members of the Board: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney L. Rushing. Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, and Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills were absent.

Board Administrative Staff: Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner; Ms. Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant (Open Session only).

Persons Attending the Meeting on March 3, 1995:

Members of the Board: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller. Absent were Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney Rushing.

Board Administrative Staff: Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner; Ms. Debbie Harris, Administrative Assistant.

Consultant: William Funk, Managing Director, Education Practice, North America, Korn/Ferry International.

University of Mississippi: deans, along with representatives of the faculty and staff; President of the Alumni Association; Executive Director of the Alumni Association; President of the Foundation; Vice Chancellor for University Affairs; President of the Associated Student Body and student leaders.

Persons Attending the Meeting on March 4, 1995:

Members of the Board: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass

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Office of the Attorney General: Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Assistant Attorney General.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Associate Commissioner/Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees of
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